

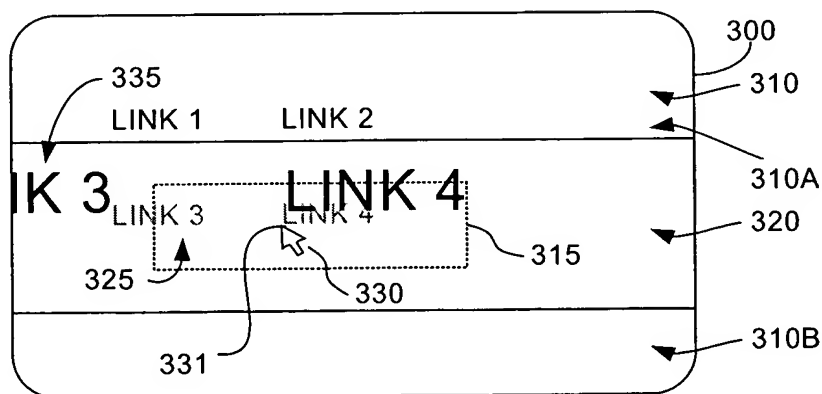
REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the above-identified application, and all of these claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Chui et al (USP 6,407,747) in view of Soohoo (USP 5,754,348).

In the current paper, Claims 1-21 remain as filed, and the pending rejection is traversed for reasons set forth below. No new matter is entered. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Overview of the Invention

The present invention is directed to a magnification tool optimized for an Internet appliance in that it magnifies a selected region of an original background image, and inserts the magnified image between the original background image and a cursor such that the (unmagnified) cursor is displayed on the magnified image. In particular, as depicted in Applicant's Fig. 3 (reproduced below for reference), the cursor 330 is superimposed over the magnified image to facilitate selection of a hyperlink:

**FIG. 3**

The Independent Claims Recite A Superimposed Cursor

Each of Applicant's independent Claims 1, 10, 14, and 18 clearly recite a cursor superimposed over the magnified image. For example, Claim 1 recites (in pertinent part):

...superimposing the cursor over the magnified image to form a second image.

Similarly, Claim 10 recites "superimposing the cursor over the magnified image" and Claim 14, recites "superimposing the magnified image between the background image and the cursor such that the cursor is located directly over both the first selected point of the background image and the second selected point of the magnified image." Finally, Claim 18 recites "means for superimposing the cursor over the magnified image to form a second image". Thus all of the independent claims recite this limitation.

Rejections Directed to Independent Claims 1, 10, 14 and 18

In rejecting Claims 1, 10, 14 and 18 as being unpatentable over Chiu in view of Soohoo, the Examiner apparently mischaracterizes Soohoo as teaching a cursor superimposed over a magnified image. In particular, the Examiner writes near the bottom of page 1 of the Office action (underlining added):

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Chui et al. and Soohoo before them at the time the invention was made to modify the magnified image in the selected region as taught by Chui et al. to include the step of superimposing the magnified image over the background image of Soohoo, with the motivation being to display the desired portion of the image in a better view by superimposing the cursor over the magnified format as taught by Soohoo.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's argument that Soohoo teaches superimposing the cursor over the "magnified format". In fact, Applicant discusses this very point regarding Soohoo in paragraph 0004 of Applicant's disclosure:

[0004] A problem with the magnification tool taught by Soohoo is that Soohoo fails to display a cursor or other pointing device in floating window 122, and fails to teach or suggest a method for selecting (clicking on) interface elements, e.g. a hyperlink, located in floating window 122.

To better illustrate this point, Soohoo's Figures 3 through 9 are reproduced below in miniature for reference: note that none of Soohoo's Figures 3 through 9 includes a cursor superimposed over the magnified region:

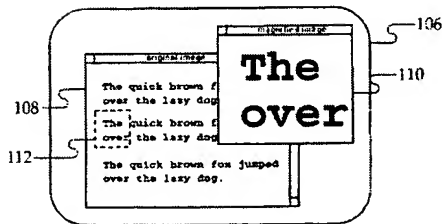


FIG. 3

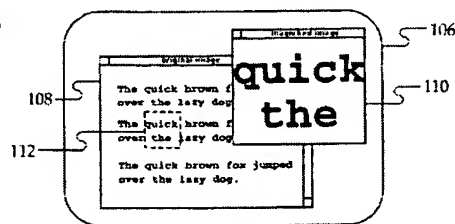


FIG. 4

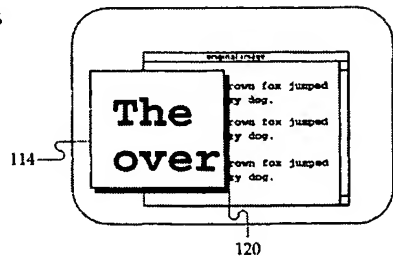


FIG. 5

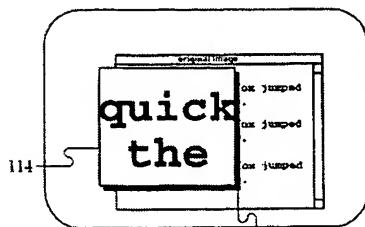


FIG. 6

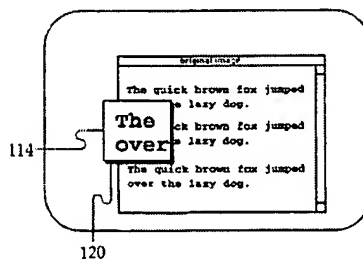


FIG. 7

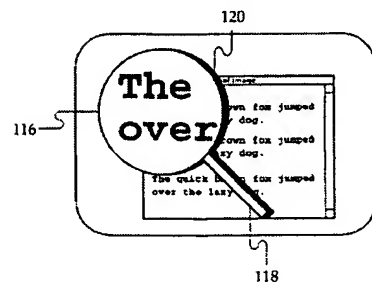


FIG. 8

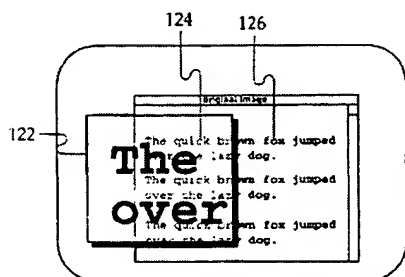


FIG. 9

In view of the discussion above, it would have been neither obvious nor possible to combine the teachings of Chiu and Soohoo to produce the methods/apparatus recited in Claims 1, 10, 14, and 18 because neither of these references teach or suggest "superimposing the cursor over the magnified image" as recited in these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections directed to these claims.

Rejections Directed to Dependent Claims

Claims 2-9 are dependent from Claim 1, and are believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

Claims 11-13 are dependent from Claim 10, and are believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 10.

Claims 15-17 are dependent from Claim 14, and are believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 14.

Claims 19-21 are dependent from Claim 18, and are believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 18.

For the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 103.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present Application.
Reconsideration and allowance Claims 1-21 is respectfully
requested.

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